

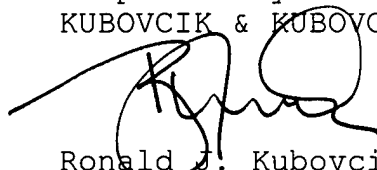
**REMARKS**

The above amendments place the claims in better form for consideration on appeal. Specifically, claims 1 and 20 have been amended to limit the thickness of the ribbon-shaped security element of the paper support of the present invention to the preferred range of thickness of 10  $\mu\text{m}$  to 40  $\mu\text{m}$  described on page 17, line 6, of the specification. This amendment avoids any inconsistency between the thickness of the security element and the thickness of the paper support recited in the claims. The thickness of the paper support as recited in the claims is 40 to 250  $\mu\text{m}$  and 4 to 10 times the thickness of the security element.

Claim 7 has been amended to correct a minor spelling error.

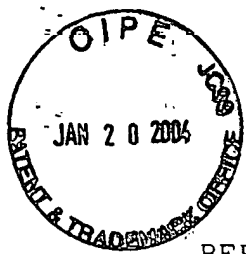
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